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COMPARATIVE PRINT SHOWING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN S. 658 (PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FEBRUARY 5, 1951) AND THE SUBSTITUTE PRO-POSAL OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COM-MISSION

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AN ACT

To further amend the Communications Act of 1934.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That this Act may be cited as "Communications Act
- 4 Amendments, 1951".
- 5 Sec. 2. Subsection (o) of section 3 of the Communica-
- 6 tions Act of 1934, as amended, is amended to read as
- 7 follows:
- 8 "(o) 'Broadcasting' means the dissemination of radio
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- 1 communications intended to be received directly by the
- 2 general public."
- 3 Sec. 3. Section 3 of such Act is further amended by
- 4 adding after subsection (aa) the following:
- 5 "(bb) The term 'license', 'station license', or 'radio
- 6 station license' means that instrument of authorization re-
- 7 quired by this Act or the rules and regulations of the Com-
- 8 mission made pursuant to this Act, for the use or operation
- 9 of apparatus for transmission of energy, or communications,
- 10 or signals by radio, by whatever name the instrument may
- 11 be designated by the Commission.
- 12 "(cc) The term 'broadcast station', 'broadcasting sta-
- 13 tion', or 'radio broadcast station' means a radio station
- 14 equipped to engage in broadcasting as herein defined.
- "(dd) The term 'construction permit' or 'permit for
- 16 construction' means that instrument of authorization re-
- 17 quired by this Act or the rules and regulations of the Com-
- 18 mission made pursuant to this Act for the installation of
- 19 apparatus for the transmission of energy, or communications,
- or signals by radio, by whatever name the instrument may
- 21 be designated by the Commission."
- SEC. 4. (a) Subsection (b) of section 4 of such Act,
- 23 as amended, is amended by striking out the next to the last
- 24 two sentences sentence thereof and inserting in lieu thereof
- 25 the following: "Such Commissioners shall not engage in any

other business, vocation, profession, or employment employ-1 ment, but this shall not apply to the preparation of technical 2 or professional publications for which reasonable honorarium 3 or compensation may be paid charged. Any such Commis-4 sioner serving as such after one year from the date of enact-5 ment of the Communications Act Amendments, 1951, shall not for a period of one year following the termination of 7 his services as a Commissioner represent before the Com-8 mission in a professional capacity any person, including all 9 persons under common control, subject to the provisions 10 of this Act, except that this restriction shall not apply to 11 any Commissioner who has served the full term for which 12 he was appointed. Not more than four members of the 13 Commission shall be members of the same political party." 1 14 **15** (b) Subsection (f) (1) of section 4 of such Act is amended to read as follows: 16 "(f) (1) Without regard to the civil-service laws or but 17 subject to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, (1) 18 19 the Commission may appoint and prescribe the duties and 20 fix the salaries of a secretary, a chief engineer and not more 21 than two assistants, a chief accountant and not more than

two assistants, a general counsel and not more than two

assistants, chiefs of the functional bureaus established pursu-

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¹ In the present law the foregoing sentence reads as follows: "Not more than four Commissioners shall be members of the same political party." The FCC proposal would make no change in this sentence as presently in effect.

ant to section 5 (f) and not more than two assistants for each, 1 and counsel temporarily employed and designated by the 2 Commission for the performance of specific special services; 3 and (2) each Commissioner may appoint and prescribe the 4 duties of a legal professional assistant at an annual salary to 5 be fixed by the Commissioner but not to exceed \$10,000 6 and a secretary at an annual salary not to exceed \$5,600. 7 The chief engineer, the chief accountant, and the general counsel shall each receive an annual salary of not to exceed 9 \$11,200; the Secretary shall receive an annual salary of not 10 to exceed \$10,000, and no assistant shall receive an annual 11 salary in excess of \$10,000: Provided, That on and after one 12 year from the date of enactment of Communications Act 13 Amendments, 1951, the secretary of the Commission, the 14 15 chief engineer and his assistants, the chief accountant and his assistants, the general counsel and his assistants, the chief of 16 17 each integrated division and his assistant, and the legal 18 assistants to each Commissioner shall not, for the period of one year next following the eessation of their employment 19 20 with the Commission, represent before the Commission in a 21professional capacity any person, including all persons under 22common control, subject to the provisions of this Act. 23Commission shall have authority, subject to the provisions of 24 the civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1949, as

- 1 amended, to appoint such other officers, engineers, account-
- 2 ants, attorneys, inspectors, examiners, and other employees
- 3 as are necessary in the execution exercise of its functions."
- 4 (c) The first sentence of subsection (g) of section 4
- 5 of such Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:
- 6 "(g) The Commission may make such expenditures
- 7 (including expenditures for rent and personal services at
- 8 the seat of Government and elsewhere, for office supplies,
- 9 law books, periodicals, and books of reference, for printing
- 10 and binding, for land for use as sites for radio monitoring
- 11 stations and related facilities, including living quarters
- 12 where necessary in remote areas, for the construction of
- 13 such stations and facilities, and for the improvement, fur-
- 14 nishing, equipping, and repairing of such stations and facili-
- 15 ties and of laboratories and other related facilities (including
- 16 construction of minor subsidiary buildings and structures not
- exceeding \$25,000 in any one instance) used in connection
- with technical research activities), as may be necessary
- 19 for the execution of the functions vested in the Commission
- 20 and as from time to time may be appropriated for by
- 21 Congress."
- (d) Subsection (k) of section 4 of such Act is amended
- 23 to read as follows:
- "(k) The Commission shall make an annual report to

- 1 Congress, copies of which shall be distributed as are other
- 2 reports transmitted to Congress. Such reports shall
- 3 contain—

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- 4 "(1) such information and data collected by the
- 5 Commission as may be considered of value in the deter-
- 6 mination of questions connected with the regulation of
- 7 interstate and foreign wire and radio communication
- 8 and radio transmission of energy. energy;
 - "(2) such information and data concerning the functioning of the Commission as will be of value to Congress in appraising the amount and character of the work and accomplishments of the Commission and the adequacy of its staff and equipment: Provided, That the first and second annual reports following the date of enactment of Communications Act Amendments, 1951, shall set forth in detail the number and caption of pending applications requesting approval of transfer of control or assignment of a station license, or construction permits for new stations, or for increases in power, or for changes of frequency of existing stations at the beginning and end of the period covered by such reports;
 - "(3) information with respect to all persons taken into the employment of the Commission during the year covered by the report, including names, pertinent biographical data and experience, Commission positions

held and compensation paid, together with th names 1 of those persons who have left the employ of Com-2 mission during such year: Provided, That the first 3 annual report following the date of enactment of Com-4 munications Act Amendments, 1951, shall contain such 5 information with respect to all persons in the employ 6 of the Commission at the close of the year for which 7 the report is made; 8

- "(4) an itemized statement of all funds expended during the preceding year by the Commission, of the sources of such funds, and of the authority in this Act or elsewhere under which such expenditures were made; and
- "(5) specific recommendations to Congress as to
 additional legislation which the Commission deems necessary or desirable, including all legislative proposals submitted for approval to the Director of the Budget."
- SEC. 5. Section 5 of such Act the Communications Act

 19 of 1934, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

20 "ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSION

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"SEC. 5. (a) The Commission is hereby authorized by its order to divide the members thereof into not more than three panels, each to consist of not less than three members. Any Commissioner may be assigned to and may serve upon such panel or panels as the Commission may direct, and

- 1 each panel shall choose its own chairman. In case of a
- 2 vacancy in any panel, or of absence or inability to serve
- 3 thereon of any Commissioner thereto assigned, the Chair-
- 4 man of the Commission or any Commissioner designated
- 5 by him for that purpose may temporarily serve on said
- 6 panel until the Commission shall otherwise order.
- 7 "(b) The Commission may by order direct that any
- 8 of its work, business, or functions arising under this Act,
- 9 or under any other Act of Congress, or in respect of any
- 10 matter which has been or may be referred to the Com-
- 11 mission by Congress or by either branch thereof, be assigned
- 12 or referred to any of said panels for action thereon, and may
- 13 by order at any time amend, modify, supplement, or rescind
- 14 any such direction. All such orders shall take effect forth-
- 15 with and remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the
- 16 Commission.
- "(c) In conformity with and subject to the order or
- 18 orders of the Commission in the premises, each panel so
- 19 constituted shall have power and authority by a majority
- 20 thereof to hear and determine, order, certify, report, or other-
- 21 wise act as to any of said work, business, or functions so
- 22 assigned or referred to it for action by the Commission, and
- 23 in respect thereof the panel shall have all the jurisdiction
- 24 and powers now or then conferred by law upon the Com-
- 25 mission, and be subject to the same duties and obligations.

- 1 Any order, decision, or report made or other action taken
- 2 by any of said panels in respect of any matters so assigned
- 3 or referred to it shall have the same force and effect, and may
- 4 be made, evidenced, and enforced in the same manner as if
- 5 made or taken by the Commission, subject to rehearing by
- 6 the Commission as provided in section 405 of this Act for
- 7 rehearing cases decided by the Commission. The secretary
- 8 and seal of the Commission shall be the secretary and seal
- 9 of each panel thereof.

Note.—For section 5 (d) of the FCC's substitute proposal see page 11 of this print, where it is compared with section 5 (c) of S. 658.

"SEC. 5. (a) (e) The member of the Commission designation 10 nated by the President as Chairman shall be the chief 11 executive officer of the Commission. It shall be his duty 12 to preside at all meetings and sessions of the Commission, 13 to represent the Commission in all matters relating to legis-14 lation and legislative reports reports, except that any Com-15 missioner may present his own or minority views or sup-16 plemental reports, to represent the Commission in all matters 17 requiring conferences or communications with other govern-18 mental officers, departments or agencies, and generally to 19 coordinate and organize the work of the Commission in such 20 manner as to promote prompt and efficient disposition of 21 all matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. 22

the case of a vacancy in the office of the Chairman of the

- 1 Commission, or the absence or inability of the Chairman to
- 2 serve, the Commission may temporarily designate and
- 3 appoint one of its members to act as Chairman until the cause
- 4 or circumstance requiring such service shall have been
- 5 eliminated or corrected.
- 6. "(b) (f) Within sixty days twelve months after the
- 7 enactment of the Communications Act Amendments, 1951,
- 8 and from time to time thereafter as the Commission may find
- 9 necessary, the Commission shall organize its legal, engineer-
- 10 ing, and accounting staff into (1) integrated divisions
- 11 bureaus, to function on the basis of the Commission's prin-
- 12 cipal workload operations; and (2) into such other divi-
- 13 sional organizations as the Commission may deem necessary
- 14 to handle that part of its workload which cuts across more
- 15 than one integrated division bureau or which does not
- 16 lend itself to the integrated division bureau set-up. Each
- 17 such integrated division bureau and divisional organization
- 18 shall include such legal, engineering, accounting, adminis-
- 19 trative, and elerical clerical and other personnel as the
- 20 Commission may determine to be necessary to perform its
- ²¹ functions. The general counsel, the chief engineer, and the
- 22 chief accountant and their respective assistants shall carry
- ²³ out their respective duties under such rules and regulations
- ²⁴ as the Commission may prescribe. The Commission shall
- establish a staff, directly responsible to it, which shall in-

clude such legal, engineering, and accounting personnel as 1 the Commission deems necessary, whose duty shall be to prepare such drafts of Commission decisions, orders, and other memoranda as the Commission, in the exercise of its quasi-judicial duties, may from time to time direct: Provided, That no member of such staff shall participate in a hearing or represent the Commission, directly or indirectly, in any prosecutory or investigatory function or proceeding. No person engaged directly or indirectly in 9 any prosecutory or investigatory function in any adjudica-10 tion proceeding or who is subject to the supervision or direc-11 12 tion of any person performing or supervising any such 13 prosecutory or investigatory activity shall advise or consult 14 with the Commission with respect to decisions by it after formal hearing in any adjudication as defined in section 15 16 2 (d) of the Administrative Procedure Act. 17 "(c) Except as provided in section 409 hereof, the Com-18 mission, when necessary to the proper functioning of the 19 (d) The Commission and the prompt and orderly conduct of 20 its business, is hereby authorized and directed by its order 21to assign or refer any portion of its work, business, or func-22tions arising under this or any other Act of Congress or 23referred to it, by the Congress, or either branch thereof, to an 24individual Commissioner or Commissioners Commissioner, 25 or to a board composed of one or more an employee or em-

ployees of the Commission, Commission to be designated by 1 2 such order for action thereon, and by its further order at any time to amend, modify, supplement, or rescind any such order 3 assignment or reference: Provided, That this authority 4 shall not extend to duties otherwise specifically imposed 5 upon the Commission by this or any other Act of Congress. 6 7 In case of the absence, or inability for any other reason to act, 8 of any such individual Commissioner or employee designated 9 to serve upon any such board, the Chairman of the Commis-10 sion may designate another Commissioner or employee, as 11 the case may be, to serve temporarily until the Commission 12 shall otherwise order. In conformity with and subject to 13 the order or orders of the Commission in the premises, any such individual Commissioner, or board acting by a major-14 15 ity thereof, shall have power and authority to hear and de-16 termine, order, certify, report, or otherwise act as to any of 17 said work, business, or functions so assigned or referred to 18 him or it for action by the Commission and in respect thereof 19 shall have all the jurisdiction and powers now or then con- $20 \cdot$ ferred by law upon the Commission and be subject to the 21 same duties and obligations. Any order, decision, or report 22 made or other action taken pursuant to any such order or 23 reference shall have the same force and effect and may be made, evidenced, and enforced as is made by the Commis-25 sion: Provided however, That any person aggriced by

any such order, decision, or report may file a petition for 1 review by the Commission, and every such petition shall 2 be passed upon by the Commission. Any order, decision, 3 or report made or other action taken by any such indi-4 vidual Commissioner or board in respect of any matters 5 so assigned or referred shall have the same force and effect, 6 and may be made, evidenced, and enforced in the same manner 7 as if made or taken by the Commission. Any party affected 8 by any order, decision, or report of any such individual Com-9 missioner or board may file a petition for rehearing by the 10 Commission or a panel thereof and every such petition shall 11 be passed upon by the Commission or a panel thereof. Any 12 13 action by a panel upon such a petition shall itself be subject 14 to rehearing by the Commission, as provided in section 405 15 of this Act, and in subsection (c). The Commission may 16 make and amend rules for the conduct of proceedings before 17 such individual Commissioner or board and for the rehearing 18 of such action before a panel of the Commission or the 19 Commission. The secretary and seal of the Commission 20 shall be the secretary and seal of such individual Commis-21sioner or board. 22 "(d) Meetings of the Commission shall be held at regu-23lar intervals, not less frequently than once each calendar

month; (q) The Commission shall hold, at least once in every

three months, a meeting at which times the functioning of

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- the Commission and the handling of its workload shall be
- 2 reviewed and such orders shall be entered and other action
- 3 taken as may be necessary or appropriate to expedite the
- 4 prompt and orderly conduct of the business of the Commis-
- 5 sion with the objective of rendering a final decision (1)
- 6 within three months from the date of filing in all original
- 7 application, renewal, and transfer eases and (2) within
- 8 six months from the final date of the hearing in all hearing
- 9 eases; and the Commission shall promptly report to the
- 10 Congress each such ease which has been pending before it
- 11 more than such three or six month period, respectively,
- 12 stating the reasons therefor."
- 13 "(h) Nothing in this section contained, or done pursuant
- 14 thereto, shall be deemed to divest the Commission of any
- 15 of its powers."
- 16 Sec. 6. Subsection (d) of section 307 of such Act is
- 17 amended to read as follows:
- 18 "(d) No license granted for the operation of a broad-
- 19 casting station shall be for a longer term than three years
- 20 and no license so granted for any other class of station shall
- 21 be for a longer term than five years, and any license granted
- 22 may be revoked or suspended as hereinafter provided. Upon
- 23 the expiration of any license, upon application therefor, a
- 24 renewal of such license may be granted from time to time
- 25 for a term of not to exceed three years in the case of broad-

casting licenses and not to exceed five years in the ease of other licenses if the Commission finds that public interest, 2 convenience and necessity would be served thereby licenses, 3 and not to exceed five years in the case of other licenses, but 4 action of the Commission with reference to the granting of 5 such application for the renewal of a license shall be limited 6 to and governed by the same considerations and practice 7 which affect the granting of original applications. Pending 8 any hearing and final decision on such an application and 9 the disposition of any petition for rehearing pursuant to 10 section 405 hereof the Commission shall continue such license 11 12 in effect." 13 Sec. 7. So much of subsection (a) of section 308 of 14 such Act as precedes the second proviso is amended to read 15 as follows: "The Commission may grant instruments of authorization entitling the holders thereof to construct or 16 17 operate apparatus for the transmission of energy, or com-18 munications, or signals by radio or modifications or renewals 19 thereof, only upon written application therefor received by 20it: Provided, That (1) in cases of emergency found by 21the Commission involving danger to life or property or 22due to damage to equipment, or (2) during a national emer-23gency proclaimed by the President or declared by the Con-24gress and during the continuance of any war in which the 25United States is engaged and when such action is necessary

- 1 for the national defense or security or otherwise in further-
- 2 ance of the war effort, or (3) in cases of emergency where
- the Commission finds that it would not be feasible to secure
 - 4 renewal applications from existing licensees in the nonbroad-
 - 5 cast services or otherwise to follow normal licensing pro-
 - 6 cedure, the Commission may grant and issue authority to
 - 7 construct or operate apparatus for the transmission of energy
 - 8 or communications or signals by radio during the emer-
 - 9 gency so found by the Commission or during the continuance
- 10 of any such national emergency or war, in such manner
- and upon such terms and conditions as the Commission shall
- 12 by regulation prescribe, and without the filing of a formal
- 13 application, but no such authority shall be granted for a
- 14 period beyond the period of the emergency requiring it nor
- 15 remain effective beyond such period:".
- SEC. 8. Section 309 (a) of such Act, as amended, is
- 17 amended to read as follows:
- 18 "HEARINGS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES; FORM OF
- 19 LICENSES; CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO LICENSES
- 20 "Sec. 309. (a) If upon examination of any application
- 21 provided for in section 308 for a station license or for the
- 22 renewal or modification of a station license the Commission
- 23 shall determine that public interest, convenience, and or
- 24 necessity would be served by the granting thereof, it shall
- 25 authorize the issuance of the instrument of authorization for

which application is made issuance, renewal, or modification

1 thereof in accordance with said finding. In the event the 2 Commission upon examination of any such application does 3 not reach such decision with respect thereto, it shall formally 4 designate the application for hearing and shall notify the 5 applicant of such action and the grounds and reasons there-6 for, specifying with particularity the matter and things in issue, shall fix and give notice of a time and place for 8 hearing thereon, and shall afford such applicant an oppor-9 tunity to be heard under such rules and regulations as it 10 may prescribe." 11 "(b) If upon examination of any such application the 12 Commission is unable to make the finding specified in sub-13 section (a) of this section, it shall forthwith notify the ap-14 plicant and other known parties in interest of the grounds 15 and reasons for its inability to make such finding. 16 notice, which shall precede formal designation for a hearing, 17 shall advise the applicant and all other known parties in 18 interest of all objections made to the application as well as 19 the source and nature of such objections. Following such 20 notice, the applicant shall be given an opportunity to reply. 21 If the Commission, after considering such reply, shall be 22 unable to make the finding specified in subsection (a) of 23

this section, it shall formally designate the application for

hearing on the grounds or reasons then obtaining and shall notify the applicant and all other known parties in interest of such action and the grounds and reasons therefor, specifying with particularity the matters and things in issue but not including issues or requirements phrased generally. The parties in interest, if any, who are not notified by the 6 Commission of its action with respect to a particular application may acquire the status of a party to the proceeding 8 thereon by filing a petition for intervention showing the 9 basis for their interest at any time not less than ten days 10 prior to the date of hearing: -Any hearing subsequently held 11 upon such application shall be a full hearing in which the 12 applicant and all other parties in interest shall be permitted 13 14 to participate but in which both the burden of proceeding 15 with the introduction of evidence upon any issue specified 16 by the Commission, as well as the burden of proof upon 17all such issues, shall be upon the applicant. 18 "(e) When any instrument of authorization is granted 19 by the Commission without a hearing as provided in subsec-20tion (a) hereof, such grant shall remain subject to protest as 21 hereinafter provided for a period of thirty days. During 22such thirty day period any party in interest may file a pro-23test under oath directed to such grant and request a hearing 24 on said application so granted. Any protest so filed shall 25 contain such allegations of fact as will show the protestant

to be a party in interest and shall specify with particularity the facts, matters, and things relied upon, but shall not in-2 elude issues or allegations phrased generally. The Commis-3 sion shall, within fifteen days from the date of the filing of such protest, enter findings as to whether such protest meets the foregoing requirements and if it so finds the application involved shall be set for hearing upon the issues set forth. 7 in said protest, together with such further specific issues, if 8 9 any, as may be prescribed by the Commission. In any hear-10 ing subsequently held upon such application all issues specified 11 by the Commission shall be tried in the same manner pro-12 vided in subsection (b) hereof but with respect of all issues 13 set forth in the protest and not specifically adopted by the 14 Commission, both the burden of proceeding with the intro-15 duction of evidence and the burden of proof shall be upon the protestant. The hearing and determination of cases arising 16 17 under this subsection shall be expedited by the Commission 18 and pending hearing and decision the effective date of the 19 Commission's action to which protest is made shall be post-20 poned to the effective date of the Commission's decision after 21hearing, unless the authorization involved is necessary to the 22maintenance or conduct of an existing service, in which event 23 the Commission shall authorize the applicant to utilize the 24facilities or authorization in question pending the Commis-25sion's decision after hearing.

1 "(d) Such station licenses as the Commission may grant 2shall be in such general form as it may prescribe, but each 3 license shall contain, in addition to other provisions, a statement of the following conditions to which such license shall be subject: (1) The station license shall not vest in the licensee any right to operate the station nor any right in the use of the frequencies designated in the license beyond the term thereof nor in any other manner than authorized - 8 9 therein; (2) neither the license nor the right granted there-10 under shall be assigned or otherwise transferred in violation 11 of this Act; (3) every license issued under this Act shall be subject in terms to the right of use or control conferred 12 13 by section 606 hereof." 14 SEC. 9. Subsection (b) of section 310 of said Act is 15 amended to read as follows: $\cdot 16$ "(b) No instrument of authorization granted by the 17 Commission entitling the holder thereof to construct or to -18 operate radio apparatus and no rights granted thereunder -19 shall be transferred, assigned, or disposed of in any manner, 20voluntarily or involuntarily, directly or indirectly, or by 21transfer of control of any corporation holding such instru-22ment of authorization, to any person except upon application 23 to the Commission and upon finding by the Commission that 24the proposed transferee or assignee possesses the qualifica-25 tions required of an original permittee or licensee.

- 1 procedure for handling such application shall be that pro-
- 2 vided in section 309."
- 3 SEC. 10. Section 311 of such Act, as amended, is
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 "Sec. 311. The Commission is hereby directed to refuse
- a station license and/or the permit hereinafter required for
- 7 the construction of a station to any person (or to any per-
- 8 son directly or indirectly controlled by such person) whose
- 9 license has been revoked by a court under section 313."
- SEC. 11 9. Section 312 of such Act, as amended, is
- amended to read as follows:
- 12 "REVOCATION OF LICENSES; CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS
- 13 ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS
- "Sec. 312. (a) Any station license may be revoked
- 15 (1) because of conditions coming to the attention of the
- 16 Commission since the granting of such license which would
- 17 have warranted the Commission in refusing to grant such
- 18 license, or (2) for violation or failure to observe any.
- 19 of the restrictions or provisions of a treaty ratified by the
- 20 United States, or (3) for violation of or failure to observe
- 21 the terms and conditions of any cease and desist order issued
- 22 by the Commission pursuant to subsection (b) hereof.
- 23 revoked or suspended for a period not to exceed ninety days.
- 24 and any construction permit may be revoked—

1		"(1) for false statements knowingly made either in
2		the application or in any statement of fact which may be
3		required pursuant to section 308;
4		"(2) because of conditions coming to the attention
5		of the Commission which would warrant it in refusing to
6		grant a license or permit on an original application;
7		"(3) for willful or repeated failure to operate sub-
8		stantially as set forth in the license;
9		"(4) for willful or repeated violation of, or willful
10		or repeated failure to observe, any provision of this Act
11		or any rule or regulation of the Commission authorized
12		by this Act or by a treaty ratified by the United States;
13		"(5) because the licensee or permittee (or any per-
14		son controlling, controlled by, or under common control
15		with, such licensee or permittee) has engaged in a course
16		of conduct designed to persuade, induce, or coerce any
17	,	other licensee or permittee (A) to violate or fail to observe
18		any of the provisions of this Act or any rule or regula-
19		tion of the Commission, or (B) to engage in any course
20		of conduct which, under any rule or regulation of the
21	,	Commission, would warrant the Commission in refusing
22	•	to grant a license or permit to such other licensee or

"(6) for violation of or failure to observe any cease

permittee;

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- and desist order issued by the Commission under this
- 2 section.
- 3 The Commission may institute a revocation proceeding by
- 4 serving upon the licensee an order to show cause why its
- 5 license should not be revoked. Said orders shall contain a
- 6 statement of the particulars and matters with respect to
- 7 which the Commission is inquiring and shall call upon the
- 8 licensee to appear before the Commission at a time and place
- 9 therein stated, but in no event less than thirty days after
- 10 receipt of such notice, and give evidence upon the matter
- 11 specified in said order: Provided, That where safety of life
- 12 or property is involved, the Commission may by order pro-
- 13 vide for a shorter period of notice. If, after hearing, or a
- 14 waiver thereof by the licensee, the Commission determines
- 15 that a revocation order should issue, it shall make a report in
- 16 writing stating the findings of the Commission and the
- 17 grounds and reasons therefor and shall eause the same to
- 18 be served on said licensee, together with such order.
- "(b) Where any person (1) has failed to operate sub-
- 20 stantially as set forth in an instrument of authorization a
- 21 license, or (2) has violated or has failed to observe any of
- 22 the restrictions and conditions provisions of this Act or of a
- 23 treaty ratified by the United States, or (3) has violated or
- 24 failed to observe any rule or regulation of the Commission

authorized by this Act, or by a treaty ratified by the United 1 $\mathbf{2}$ States, the Commission may institute a proceeding by serving 3 upon such person an order to show cause why it should not 4 order such person to cease and desist from such action. Said 5 order shall contain a statement of the particulars and matters with respect to which the Commission is inquiring and shall eall upon such person to appear before the Commission at 8 a time and place therein stated, but in no event less than thirty days after receipt of such notice, and give evidence 9 10 upon the matter specified in said order. If, after hearing, or 11 a waiver thereof by such person, the Commission determines 12 that a cease and desist order should issue, it shall make a 13 report in writing stating the findings of the Commission and 14 the grounds and reasons therefor and shall cause the same 15 to be served on said person, together with such order." 16 "(c) Before revoking or suspending a license or re-17 voking a permit pursuant to subsection (a), or issuing a 18 cease and desist order pursuant to subsection (b), the Com-19 mission shall serve upon the licensee, permittee, or person 20involved an order to show cause why an order of revoca-21tion or suspension or a cease and desist order should not be 22 issued. Any such order to show cause shall contain a state-23 ment of the matters with respect to which the Commission 24is inquiring and shall call upon said licensee, permittee, or 25person to appear before the Commission at a time and place

- 1 stated in the order, but in no event less than thirty days after
- 2 the receipt of such order, and give evidence upon the matter
- 3 specified therein; except that where safety of life or property
- 4 is involved, the Commission may provide in the order for a
- 5 shorter period. If after hearing, or a waiver thereof, the
- 6 Commission determines that an order of revocation or suspen-
- 7 sion or a cease and desist order should issue, it shall issue such
- 8 order, which shall include a statement of the findings of the
- 9 Commission and the grounds and reasons therefor and specify
- 10 the effective date of the order, and shall cause the same to be
- 11 served on said licensee, permittee, or person.
- 12 "(d) In any case where the Commission is authorized
- 13 pursuant to this section to suspend or revoke a license, or to
- 14 revoke a permit, or to issue a cease and desist order, the
- 15 Commission, after the hearing required by subsection (c),
- 16 or waiver thereof, in lieu of revoking or suspending a license,
- 17 or revoking a permit, or issuing a cease and desist order,
- 18 or in addition to issuing a cease and desist order, may order
- 19 the licensee or permittee to forfeit to the United States the
- 20 sum of \$500 for each day during which the Commission
- 21 finds that any offense set forth in the order to show cause
- 22 issued pursuant to subsection (c) occurred, or such lesser
- 23 sum as the Commission may find appropriate in the light of
- ²⁴ all the facts and circumstances of the particular case. Any
- 25 forfeiture ordered by the Commission under this subsection

shall be paid by such permittee or licensee to the Treasury 1 of the United States within thirty days after the public notice 2 of the order of the Commission unless the Commission shall, 3 upon application, extend the time for payment, and, if not 4 so paid, the license or permit shall be deemed revoked and 5 shall be surrendered forthwith unless within such time the licensee shall file a suit in accordance with the provisions of 7 section 402 (a) hereof to enjoin or set aside the order of 8 9 the Commission. If the order is sustained, the forfeiture, together with interest thereon, shall be paid into the Treasury 10 of the United States within thirty days after public notice 11 of the order of the court unless the Commission shall, upon 12 13 application, extend the time for payment, and, if not so paid, the license or permit shall be deemed revoked, and shall be 14 15 surrendered forthwith. "(e) Any station license granted under the provisions 16 17 of this Act, or the construction permit required hereby, may 18 be modified by the Commission either for a limited time or for 19 the duration of the term thereof, if in the judgment of the 20Commission such action will promote the public interest, con-21 venience, and necessity, or the provisions of this Act or of 22any treaty ratified by the United States will be more fully 23complied with: Provided, however, That no such order of 24modification shall become final until the holder of such out-25standing license or permit shall have been notified in writing

- 1 of the proposed action and the grounds or reasons therefor
- 2 and shall have been given reasonable opportunity, in no event
- 3 less than thirty days, to show cause by public hearing, if
- 4 requested, why such order of modification should not issue:
- 5 Provided, That where safety of life or property is involved,
- 6 the Commission may, by order, provide for a shorter period
- 7 of notice.
- 8 "(f) In any case where a hearing is conducted pursuant
- 9 to the provisions of this section, both the burden of proceeding
- 10 with the introduction of evidence and the burden of proof
- 11 shall be upon the Commission."
- 12 SEC. 12. Part I of title III of such Act is amended by
- 13 adding the following new section:
- 14 "MODIFICATION BY COMMISSION OF CONSTRUCTION
- 15 PERMITS OR LICENSES
- 16 "Sec. 330. (a) Any station license granted under the
- 17 provisions of this Act or the construction permit required
- 18 thereby may be modified by the Commission either for a
- 19 limited time or for the duration of the term thereof, if in
- ²⁰ the judgment of the Commission such action will promote
- 21 the public interest, convenience, and necessity, or the pro-
- 22 visions of this Act or of any treaty ratified by the United
- 23 States will be more fully complied with: Provided, That no
- such order of modification shall become final until the holder
- of such outstanding license or permit shall have been notified

- 1 in writing of the proposed action and the grounds and
- 2 reasons therefor, and shall have been given reasonable
- 3 opportunity, in no event less than thirty days, to show cause
- 4 by public hearing, if requested, why such order of modifica-
- 5 tion should not issue: Provided, That where safety of life
- 6 or property is involved, the Commission may by order pro-
- 7 vide for a shorter period of notice.
- 8 "(b) In any case where a hearing is conducted pur-
- 9 suant to the provisions of this section or section 312, both
- 10 the burden of proceeding with the introduction of evidence
- 11 and the burden of proof shall be upon the Commission."
- 12 SEC. 13. Part I of title III of such Act is amended by
- 13 adding the following new section:
- 14 "LIMITATIONS ON QUASI-JUDICIAL POWERS
- 15 "SEC. 331. No license granted and issued under the
- 16 authority of this Act for the operation of any radio station
- 17 shall be modified by the Commission, except in the manner
- 18 provided in section 330 (a) hereof, and no such license
- 19 may be revoked, terminated, or otherwise invalidated by the
- 20 Commission, except in the manner and for the reasons pro-
- 21 vided in section 312 (a) hereof. When application is made
- 22 for renewal of an existing license, which cannot be disposed
- 23 of by the Commission under the provisions of section 309
- 24 (a) hereof, the Commission shall employ the procedure
- 25 specified in section 309 (b) hereof, except that in any hear-

- 1 ing subsequently held upon such application the burden of
- 2 proceeding with the evidence and of substantiating the
- 3 grounds and reasons specified by the Commission in the
- 4 formal notice of hearing issued pursuant to section 309 (b)
- 5 hereof shall be upon the appropriate division established by
- 6 the Commission under the provisions of section 5 (b) hereof
- 7 or upon any party or parties who may oppose such renewal;
- 8 but as a condition precedent to the renewal the Commission
- 9 shall affirmatively find that the public interest, convenience
- 10 and necessity will be served by such renewal. Pending
- 11 such hearing and final decision pursuant thereto the Com-
- 12 mission shall continue such license in effect." 2
- 13 Sec. 14. The heading of section 401 of such Act is
- 14 amended to read:
- 15 "JURISDICTION TO ENFORCE ACT AND ORDERS OF
- 16 COMMISSION; DECLARATORY ORDERS"
- 17 and such section is amended by adding at the end thereof a
- 18 new subsection (e) as follows:
- 19 "(e) The Commission is authorized, in its sound discre-
- 20 tion and with like effect as in the case of other orders, to issue
- 21 a declaratory order to terminate a controversy or remove
- 22 uncertainty. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5
- 23 (d) of the Act of June 11, 1946 (60 Stat. 239) declaratory

² A substantially similar sentence, contained in the FCC's substitute proposal, appears in this print on page 15, line 8.

orders shall be issued only upon the petition of, and after 1 notice to and opportunity for hearing by, persons who are 2 bona fide applicants for, or the holders of, construction per-3 mits or licenses, or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of 4 the Commission, and shall not bind or affect the rights of 5 persons who are not parties to such proceedings. Such orders 6 shall be available to declare rights and other legal relations 7 arising under the provisions of any treaty ratified by the 8 United States, under any provision of this Act, or under 9 any order, rule, regulation, term, condition, limitation, or 10 requirement issued, promulgated, or adopted by the Com-11 mission, whether or not involving failure to comply there-12 with." 13 Sec. 15 10. Section 402 of such Act is amended to read

SEC. 15 10. Section 402 of such Act is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 402. (a) The provisions of the Act of June 25, 16 1948 (62 Stat. 992), as amended, relating to the enforcing 17 or setting aside of orders of the Interstate Commerce Com-18 mission are hereby made applicable to suits Suits to enforce, 19 enjoin, set aside, annul, or suspend any order of the Com-20 mission under this Act (except those appealable under the 21 provisions of subsection (b) hereof), and such suits are 22 hereby authorized to be brought as provided in that Act. 23 In addition to the venues specified in that Act, suits to enjoin, 24

- 1 set aside, annul, or suspend, but not to enforce, any such
- 2 order of the Commission may also be brought in the United
- 3 States District Court for the District of Columbia shall be
- 4 brought as provided by and in the manner prescribed in
- 5 Public Law Numbered 901 (Eighty-first Congress, second
- 6 session (December 29, 1950)).
- 7 "(b) Appeals may be taken from decisions and orders
- 8 of the Commission to the United States Court of Appeals
- 9 for the District of Columbia in any of the following cases:
- "(1) By any applicant for any instrument of
- authorization required by this Act, or the regulations of
- the Commission made pursuant to this Act, for the con-
- struction or operation of apparatus for the transmission
- of energy, or communications, or signals by radio, whose
- application is denied by the Commission.
- "(2) By any applicant for the renewal or modi-
- fication of any such instrument of authorization whose
- application is denied by the Commission.
- "(3) By any party to an application for authority
- to assign any such instrument of authorization or to
- 21 transfer control of any corporation holding such instru-
- 22 ment of authorization whose application is denied by
- the Commission.
- 24 "(4) By any applicant for the permit required by

section 325 of this Act whose application has been denied
by the Commission or any permittee under said section
whose permit has been revoked by the Commission.

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- "(5) By the holder of any instrument of authorization required by this Act, or the regulations of the Commission made pursuant to this Act, for the construction or operation of apparatus for the transmission of energy, or communications or signals by radio, which instrument has been modified modified, suspended or revoked by the Commission.
 - "(6) By any other person who is aggrieved or whose interests are adversely affected by any order of the Commission granting or denying any application described in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) hereof.
 - "(7) By any person upon whom an order to cease and desist has been served under section 312 (b) (c) of this Act.
 - "(8) By any party to a proceeding under section 40.1 who is aggrieved or whose interests are adversely affected by a declaratory order entered by the Commission.
- "(9) (8) By any radio operator whose license has been suspended by the Commission.

- "(c) Such appeal shall be taken by filing a notice of 1 appeal with the court within thirty days after the entry 2 of the from the date upon which public notice is given of the 3 decision or order complained of. Such notice of appeal shall 4 contain a concise statement of the nature of the proceedings 5 as to which the appeal is taken; a concise statement of the 6 reasons on which the appellant intends to rely, separately 7 stated and numbered; and proof of service of a true copy 8 of said notice and statement upon the Commission. Upon 9 filing of such notice, the court shall have exclusive juris-10 diction of the proceedings and of the questions determined 11 therein and shall have power, by order, directed to the Com-12 mission or any other party to the appeal, to grant such 13 temporary relief as it may deem just and proper. Orders 14 15 granting temporary relief may be either affirmative or nega-16 tive in their scope and application so as to permit either the 17 maintenance of the status quo in the matter in which the 18 appeal is taken or the restoration of a position or status 19 terminated or adversely affected by the order appealed from 20and shall, unless otherwise ordered by the court, be effective 21 pending hearing and determination of said appeal and com-22pliance by the Commission with the final judgment of the 23 court rendered in said appeal.
- 24 "(d) Upon the filing of any such notice of appeal the

Commission shall, not later than five days after the date 1 $\mathbf{2}$ of service upon it, notify each person shown by the records 3 of the Commission to be interested in said appeal of the 4 filing and pendency of the same and shall thereafter permit 5 any such person to inspect and make copies of said notice 6 and statement of reasons therefor at the office of the Commission in the city of Washington. Within thirty days after 8 the filing of an appeal, the Commission shall file with the 9 court a copy of the order complained of, a full statement 10 in writing of the facts and grounds relied upon by it in 11 support of the order involved upon said appeal, and the 12 originals or certified copies of all papers and evidence 13 presented to it and considered by it in entering said order. "(e) Within thirty days after the filing of an appeal 14 15 any interested person may intervene and participate in the 16 proceedings had upon said appeal by filing with the court 17 a notice of intention to intervene and a verified statement 18 showing the nature of the interest of such party, together 19 with proof of service of true copies of said notice and state-20 ment, both upon appellant and upon the Commission. Any 21person who would be aggrieved or whose interest would be 22adversely affected by a reversal or modification of the order 23 of the Commission complained of shall be considered an 24interested party.

- "(f) The record and briefs upon which any such appeal
- 2 shall be heard and determined by the court shall contain
- 3 such information and material, and shall be prepared within
- 4 such time and in such manner as the court may by rule
- 5 prescribe.
- 6 "(g) At the earliest convenient time the court shall hear
- 7 and determine the appeal upon the record before it in the
- 8 manner prescribed by section 10 (e) of the Act of June
- 9 11, 1946 (60 Stat. 243).
- 10 "(h) In the event that the court shall render a decision
- and enter an order reversing the order of the Commission,
- 12 it shall remand the case to the Commission to carry out the
- 13 judgment of the court and it shall be the duty of the Com-
- 14 mission, in the absence of the proceedings to review such
- 15 judgment, to forthwith give effect thereto, and unless other-
- 16 wise ordered by the court, to do so upon the basis of the
- 17 proceedings already had and the record upon which said
- 18 appeal was heard and determined.
- "(i) The court may, in its discretion, enter judgment
- 20 for costs in favor of or against an appellant, or other inter-
- 21 ested parties intervening in said appeal, but not against the
- 22 Commission, depending upon the nature of the issues in-
- 23 volved upon said appeal and the outcome thereof.
- 24 "(j) The court's judgment shall be final, subject, how-

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"(1) an appeal may be taken direct to the Supreme Court of the United States in any case wherein the jurisdiction of the court is invoked, or sought to be invoked. for the purpose of reviewing any decision or order entered by the Commission in proceedings instituted by the Commission which have as their object and purpose the revocation of an existing license or any decision or order entered by the Commission in proceedings which involve the failure or refusal of the Commission to renewan existing license. Such appeal shall be taken by the filing of an application therefor or notice thereof withinthirty days after the entry of the judgment sought to be reviewed, and in the event such an appeal is taken the record shall be made up and the case docketed in the Supreme Court of the United States within sixty days from the time such an appeal is allowed under such rules as may be prescribed; prescribed.

"(2) in all other cases, review by the Supreme Court of the United States shall be upon writ of certiorari on petition therefor under section 240 of the Judicial Code, as amended, by the appellant, by the Commission, or by any interested party intervening in the appeal, or by certification by the court pursuant to

- the provision of section 239 of the Judicial Code, as
- 2 amended."
- 3 Sec. 46 11. The heading of section 405 of such Act is
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 "REHEARINGS BEFORE COMMISSION"
- 6 and such section is amended to read as follows:
- 7 "Sec. 405. (a) After a decision, order, or requirement
- 8 has been made by the Commission in any proceeding pro-
- 9 , ceedings, any party thereto, or any other person aggrieved
- 10 or whose interests are adversely affected thereby, may peti-
- 11 tion for rehearing. Petitions for rehearing must be filed
- 12 within thirty days from the entry date upon which public
- 13 notice is given of any decision, order, or requirement com-
- 14 plained of and except for those eases in which the decision,
- order, or requirement challenged is necessary for the mainte-
- nance or conduct of an existing service, the filing of such a
- 17 petition shall automatically stay the effective date thereof
- 18 until after decision on said petition. No such application shall
- 19 excuse any person from complying with or obeying any
- ²⁰ decision, order, or requirement of the Commission, or operate
- 21 in any manner to stay or postpone the enforcement thereof,
- 22 without the special order of the Commission. The filing of a
- petition for rehearing shall not be a condition precedent to
- ²⁴ judicial review of any such decision, order, or requirement,
- except where the party seeking such review was not a party

to the proceedings resulting in such decision, order, or re-2 quirement, or where the party seeking such review relies on 3 questions of fact or law upon which the Commission has been afforded no opportunity to pass. Rehearing shall be gov-5 erned by such general rules as the Commission may establish: Provided, That, except for newly discovered evidence or 6 7 evidence otherwise available only since the original taking of 8 evidence; no evidence shall be taken on any rehearing. 9 time within which an appeal must be taken under section 402 10 (b) hereof shall be computed from the date upon which 11 orders are entered disposing of all petitions for rehearing filed 12 in any case, but any decision, order, or requirement made **1**3 after such rehearing reversing, changing, or modifying the 14 original determination order shall be subject to the same 15 provisions with respect to rehearing as an original order." 16 SEC. 17 12. (a) Section 409 (a) of such Act is amended 17 to read as follows: 18 "Sec. 409. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sec-19 tion 7 (a) of the Act of June 11, 1946 (60 Stat. 241), 20 all cases in which a hearing is required by the provisions 21of this Act or by other applicable provisions of law shall 22be conducted by the Commission or by one or more examin-23ers provided for in section 11 of the Act of June 11, 1946 24(60 Stat. 244), designated by the Commission. The officer

or officers presiding at any such hearing shall have the same

- 1 authority and duties exercised in the same manner and sub-
- 2 jeet to the same conditions specified in section 7 of that Act.
- 3 "(b) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 8
- 4 of the Administrative Procedure Act of June 11, 1946 (60)
- 5 Stat. 242), the officer or officers conducting a hearing
- 6 required by the provisions of this Act or other applicable
- 7 provisions of law shall prepare and file an intermediate
- 8 report an initial decision, except where the hearing officer
- 9 becomes unavailable to the Commission or where the Com-
- 10 mission finds upon the record that due and timely execution
- 11 of its functions imperatively and unavoidably require that
- 12 the record be certified to the Commission for initial or
- 13 final decision. In all such cases the Commission shall
- 14 permit the filing of exceptions to such intermediate report
- 15 initial decision by any party to the proceeding and shall,
- 16 upon request, hear oral argument on such exceptions
- 17 before the entry of any final decision, order, or require-
- 18 ment. All decisions, including the intermediate report
- 19 initial decision, shall become a part of the record and shall
- 20 include a statement of (1) findings and conclusions, as well
- 21 as the basis therefor, upon all material issues of fact, law,
- 22 or discretion, presented on the record; and (2) the appro-
- 23 priate decision, order, or requirement.
- 24 "(e) (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5
- 25 (e) of the Administrative Procedure Act of June 11, 1946

(60 Stat. 239), no officer conducting a hearing pursuant to subsection (a) and (b) hereof shall, except to the extent 2 required for the disposition of ex parte matters as authorized 3 by law, consult any person or party on any fact or question of law in issue, unless upon notice and opportunity for all 5 parties to participate; nor shall such officer be responsible 6 to or subject to the supervision or direction of any other 7 person engaged in the performance of investigative, prose-8 9 cuting, or other functions for of the Commission or any other agency of the Government Government, but this shall 10 not prevent examiners appointed pursuant to section 5 of the 11 Administrative Procedure Act from being subject to the 12 13 supervision of a member or members of the Commission, or a chief examiner for administrative purposes relating to the 14 performance of their duties. No person or persons engaged 15 in the performance of investigative or prosecuting functions 16 for the Commission or for any other agency of the Govern-17 ment shall participate or advise in the proceedings described 18 in (a) and (b) hereof, except as a witness or counsel in 19 public proceedings.3 The Commission shall not employ attor-20 nevs or other persons for the purpose of reviewing transcripts 21 or preparing intermediate reports of final decisions, except 22

³ A substantially similar sentence, contained in the FCC's substitute proposal, appears in this print on page 11, line 9.

- 1 that this shall not apply to the review staff provided by sub-
- 2 section 5 (b) and to legal assistants assigned separately to
- 3 a Commission member who may, for such Commission
- 4 member, review such transcripts and prepare such drafts.
- 5 No intermediate report shall be reviewed either before or
- 6 after its publication by any person other than a member of
- 7 the Commission or his legal assistant, as above provided,
- 8 and no examiner, examiner who conducts a hearing, hearing
- 9 shall advise or consult with the Commission with respect
- 10 to his intermediate report initial decision or with respect
- 11 to exceptions taken to his findings, rulings, or recommenda-
- **12** tions."
- 13 (b) Subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h),
- 14 (i), and (j) of section 409 of the Act, as amended, are
- amended to read subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h),
- 16 (i), (j), and (k), and (l), respectively.
- 17 Sec. 18 13. Section 414 of such Act is amended by
- 18 adding at the end thereof the following: "Except as specifi-
- 19 cally provided in this Act the provisions of the Adminis-
- 20 trative Procedure Act of June 11, 1946 (60 Stat. 237)
- 21 shall apply in all proceedings under this Act."
- 22 Sec. 19 14. Chapter Amend chapter 63 of the Criminal
- 23 Code, title 18, is amended by inserting a new section as
- 24 follows:

"FRAUD BY RADIO

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"SEC. 1343. Whoever, having devised or intending to 2 devise any scheme or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining 3 money or property by means of false or fraudulent pre-4 5 tenses, representations, or promises, shall transmit or cause 6 to be transmitted by means of radio communication or interstate wire communication, any writings, signs, signals, pic-7 tures, or sounds for the purpose of executing such scheme 8 9 or artifice, or whoever operating any radio station for which 10 a license is required by any law of the United States, knowingly permits the transmission of any such communication, 11 12 shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both." 13 14 Sec. 20 15. If any provision of this Act or the applica-15 tion thereof to any person or circumstance is held in-16 valid, the remainder of the Act and the application of 17 such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not 18 be affected thereby.